

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remain of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the Specification and Claims and the following remarks.

Telephone Interview

Applicants' below signed representative thanks Examiner Vetere for the courtesy extended to him during the Telephone Interview conducted July 1, 2008, in this case.

As discussed during the Interview, Claim 1 has been amended to better define the roughened structure and this amendment overcomes the art of record. However, to complete the record and to respond to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants present the following remarks.

Claims Status

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to recite that the roughened structure is discontinuous, individual ink droplets. Support for this amendment is probably best provided by Figures 1A, 1B, 2A-2C, 4A, 4B, 7A and 7B, wherein it can be seen that individual droplets of ink from a discontinuous layer of individual ink droplets.

Prior Art Rejection

The Examiner made the following Prior Art rejections:

- (1) Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 11-13 and 19 are rejected as unpatentable over Shoshi (US 5,998,013) and George (US 6,545,422);
- (2) Claim 3 is rejected as unpatentable over a combination of Shoshi, George and Namoioka (US 6,419,366);
- (3) Claims 6-10, 15, 17, and 20 are rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Shoshi, George and Ohishi (US 2002/0034008);
- (4) Claim 14 is being rejected as being unpatentable over the combination of Shoshi, George and Logan (US 4,575,730);
- (5) Claim 16 is rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Shoshi, George, Ohishi, and Hirose (US 6,533,852); and
- (6) Claim 18 is rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Shoshi, George, Ohishi and Matsunaga (US 6,398,371).

The primary references of Shoshi and George have been cited to teach forming an anti-glare coating on a substrate where the anti-glare coating forms a roughened structure. Shoshi teaches that any coating method can be used, see column 7, starting at line 45. George has been cited to teach one of the ways for applying an anti-glare coating is to use an ink-jet apparatus, see column 10, lines 13-25.

It is Applicants' position that both Shoshi and George teach applying a coating layer and that this coating layer is a continuous layer. In contrast, Applicants use an ink-jet method to apply individual ink droplets which form a discontinuous layer on the transparent substrate. It is this discontinuous layer of individual ink droplets that make up the microscopically roughened structure. Claim 1 has been amended herein to specify that the microscopically roughened structure is discontinuous individual ink droplets.

It is submitted that none of the other tertiary references of Ohishi, Logan, Hirose or Matsunaga teach forming a discontinuous layer of individual ink droplets which provide a microscopically roughened structure. Thus, it is submitted that the claims as presented herein are

patentable over the references taken alone or in combination.

Specification Amendments

In reviewing the Specification and Drawings, some obvious typographical errors were noted and have been corrected herein.

Fig. 3(a) used sectional lines 3(b)-3(b), not A-A, thus, the Specification was amended.

Fig. 8 contained certain reference characters not recited in the Specification. Thus, the Specification was amended to recite the reference characters. From a reading of the description of Figure 8, the description of the omitted reference character is deemed self evident.

Respectfully, no new matter has been added.

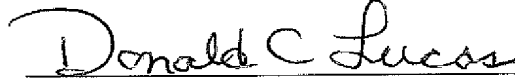
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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